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OUR PRIORITIES UP TO 2014

Thanks to overwhelmingly positive feedback from a huge number of residents, the Council set its priorities and commitments on 11 September 2012. This agreement will guide our work until 2014.

Over 1,500 of you completed our 'Council Priorities Conversation' survey, and hundreds of you attended the street stalls held around the borough so that we could hear your views. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed.

These views have helped us to prioritise our work and shape our services so that they are better suited to the lives you lead.

Now more than ever, the Council wants to be sure that every penny counts towards improving the lives of our residents. That's why it's so important that our residents are at the heart of Council decision making.

Waltham Forest is an ambitious borough, and together we can make it an even better place.

Read on to find out more about the work that's planned over the next two years, and for more ways to make your opinion count. Thank you for your help so far.

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/makeitcount

The Council Priorities Conversation

The Council Priorities Conversation took place in June with more than 1,500 of you taking part. We asked for your views on our proposed priorities and commitments, which were based on research about the issues that were most important to residents. In the survey, we asked to what extent you agreed with the priorities and commitments, and whether you thought there was anything else we should be doing.

The response was hugely positive:

- On average three in four residents agree with the priorities and two in three residents think they are important.
- Support is even stronger for the commitments, with nine in ten residents agreeing with them.

Our priorities and commitments

The table below summarises the findings from the conversation. A more detailed report can be found at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/makeitcount

	Priority	Percentage of residents who agreed this should be a priority
	Making our community a safer place	91 per cent
	Keeping our borough clean	92 per cent
	Bringing you better shopping, streets and leisure	84 per cent
	Helping you and your family	74 per cent

Comments and feedback

We asked if there was anything else you wanted to tell us and over 800 respondents gave us comments, suggestions and a lot of food for thought. As you would expect, many comments expressed further support for the priorities and commitments, while others told us about the areas where you thought there should be more focus, as well as some criticisms where we haven't got it right.

Although we can't respond to each comment individually, they broadly fell into the categories listed opposite, and we have passed your comments and suggestions on to the appropriate departments for action.

Thank you for your feedback.

Your comments and feedback

- Balancing the need for more and better housing with the needs of existing residents.
- Making sure residents in all areas of the borough get equal access to services.
- Ensuring there are positive career and leisure opportunities for young people.
- Continuing to support and improve the borough's leisure and cultural offer.
- Issues related to specific parking problems.
- A desire for the Council to encourage and promote strong community spirit and local pride.

Commitment	Percentage of residents who agreed this should be a commitment
Continue to pay for extra police officers	89 per cent
Work with our young people at risk of joining gangs to make sure they have a positive alternative	93 per cent
Create an anti-social behaviour task force to tackle anti-social behaviour throughout the borough	90 per cent
Target bad landlords and support good ones	89 per cent
Guarantee to continue to provide a weekly waste and recycling service	94 per cent
Work constantly to keep our streets clean and litter free	97 per cent
Not tolerate those who fly-tip and dump rubbish in our borough and will push for more powers to prosecute offenders	96 per cent
Offer an unlimited and free collection of bulky waste items from your doorstep	92 per cent
Work to make our high streets thrive with a variety of shops and services to meet your needs	92 per cent
Upgrade our pavements and roads	88 per cent
Bring a cinema to the borough and will rebuild or upgrade all of the borough's leisure centres	83 per cent
Improve every park in the borough	88 per cent
Not raise council tax and will continue to fund the freedom pass	89 per cent
Make sure you have access to training and education that helps you get a job whatever your age	87 per cent
Support schools so that they can deliver a high quality education for our young people in decent buildings	94 per cent
Work with the community to keep vulnerable adults and children safe	95 per cent

Priority: Making our community a safer place

Commitment: Continue to pay for extra police officers.

The Council is concerned that Waltham Forest has fewer police officers than other boroughs, such as Tower Hamlets and Hackney, despite facing similar problems. We are continuing to push for our fair share of resources. We know safety is top of our residents' priority list, so we are currently investing up to £1million per year in extra police officers to support our hard working local force.



Campaigning for more police officers

Commitment: Create an anti-social behaviour (ASB) task force to tackle anti-social behaviour throughout the borough.

The Council agreed to invest an extra £200,000 in the ASB task force, which will be set up by April 2013.

The 'rapid response' service will tackle issues as and when they arise, cracking down on any form of ASB be it street drinking, illegal trading, aggressive begging or general inconsiderate rowdiness.

Commitment: Target bad landlords and support good ones.

More of our residents are living in private rented accommodation, and we want to make sure that you are getting a fair deal and a secure, good quality place to live.

Our Property Accreditation Scheme brings landlords and agents on board, so tenants can expect improved conditions and landlords who are more aware of their responsibilities.

Commitment:

Work with our young people at risk of joining gangs to make sure they have a positive alternative.

The Council's groundbreaking gang prevention programme 'Enough is Enough' cracks down on gangs, while offering gang members and their families practical support to help them make long-term changes. Over the next two years, the Council will dedicate £3million to this programme.

Case study: Enough is Enough

A former gang member made huge progress after gaining support through the programme. With an absent mother; no contact with his father; poor supervision from his grandparents and no secure housing he committed six offences (costing the public purse £37,000).

The year before getting support his school attendance rate was less than 20 per cent, after just six months of support, he is reconnected and living with his father, hasn't reoffended and has a school attendance rate of 65 per cent.

This is just one way the programme is making a real difference for individuals and the wider community.

Since Enough is Enough started...

- Personal robbery down by 4 per cent (bucking the London trend).
- Assault with injury down by 9 per cent.
- Gun crime down by 15.4 per cent.
- Knife crime down by 3.5 per cent.
- Gun and knife injuries in the borough dealt with by London Ambulance Service down 19 per cent.



The Leader of the Council speaking at a parliamentary reception

News

In my opinion

Colette Machado

Local entrepreneur



For the past year I had a vision to set up a business group for mums. As a mother of two I know how tricky it is to juggle working or running a business along with family life, and I felt a desire to provide support and business-related information to other mums in similar situations.

The first official meeting of my mums' business group took place last Friday (October 5), during Business Mums Week, a national, but not very well known week! The event created an opportunity for mums to network, share experiences and ideas, and come together in a friendly and relaxed environment.

Holding monthly events, the group will specialise in sharing business-related information in areas such as branding, marketing, and social media via experts in these fields.

The meetings will take place in different parts of the borough, on different days, to ensure that they fit in with the wide variety of working patterns that business mums have.

Time is one of the biggest challenges for a mum, and when you are trying to run a business it gets even more complicated. One of my frustrations is that while there are networking and learning opportunities out there for business mums, it's not very easy for mums to find out about what is on offer as the information is not all in one place.

The mums' business group will aim to bring a lot of the available information together, not just in the borough but outside as well.

As a journalist for over 15 years, I have a passion for information, and coupled with my experience as the business editor for a women's magazine and more recently running a number of my own ventures, I'm really keen to share my knowledge with other business mums.

If you would like to attend or require further information email cmachado@email.com or call 07803606072.

Want to have your say?

If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at: walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk and tell us what you'd like to write about.



Waltham Forest's politicians, community leaders and representatives from the Faith Communities Forum are supporting the campaign

Standing together

- **Partnership campaign will see community come together in celebration**
- **Special event showcases all that is great about Waltham Forest's diverse community**

Celebrating all that is great about Waltham Forest, residents can come together on Saturday 27 October to enjoy a host of free activities in Walthamstow Town Centre.

Taking place between 11am and 4pm at Walthamstow's Live Site and Arcade site, residents will be able to zoom around the town centre on two wheeled segways, test their table football skills in the activity-packed games tent, tuck into some tasty treats at a selection of food stalls and decorate special hearts to adorn one of the borough's three celebratory trees.

Organised as a way for Waltham Forest residents

to come out and celebrate everything that is great about the borough's tolerant and diverse community, the event is part of the campaign 'Waltham Forest - United . Strong . Together' a partnership between the Council and local newspaper the Waltham Forest Guardian.

Nearly 2,000 people have signed up in support of the campaign, which is calling on the Home Secretary to take action to protect the borough's residents from the ferocious onslaught of the English Defence League (EDL). The far-right group, who marched in the borough on 1 September, are threatening to return on 27 October as they continue

in their quest to spread their words of hatred and racism.

Chris Robbins, said: "This event allows the ordinary people of Waltham Forest to show their unity and celebrate everything that is great about Waltham forest in a peaceful manner.

"It's not a protest, demonstration or confrontation, and anybody who wants to get involved in that type of activity is not welcome at this event. It's not affiliated with any groups or organisations, it's part of our ongoing campaign with the local newspaper and gives residents the chance to come together and celebrate the borough."

Ted Cooke, the chair

designate of the Faith Communities Forum, added: "Our diversity is our strength, we're a proud community and it's only right that we stand together and celebrate in the face of adversity."

The EDL has yet to seek official permission from the Police to hold a march on 27 October, however their route will not be allowed to go through or past the Walthamstow Town Centre.

More info

To find out more information about the event, or to sign the online petition visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/together

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Not taking it lying down



You can arrange for bulky items like mattresses to be collected free of charge by the Council

The sight of a mattress abandoned on a piece of waste ground or dumped in the front garden of a property is synonymous with the very idea of urban decay.

"We remove more than 800 mattresses from the

streets of Waltham Forest every month," said Cllr Clyde Loakes, Cabinet Member for Environment. "Half of them have been illegally dumped by fly-tippers, costing hard working taxpayers in the region of £1.5million a year.

"That money could

be spent on schools, on libraries, on providing care to vulnerable residents, and that's why I want more power to combat this issue."

Last month Cllr Loakes wrote to the Secretary of State about the problem and outlined what he would like to see done. "The problem is partly down to the private rented sector where the high turnover of tenants in short-term lets leads to a high turnover of cheap mattresses," Cllr Loakes explained.

"As a Council we currently have no recourse to charge the letting agents for this activity, despite this problem being a direct result of their commercial activity."

Mattresses are also very difficult to recycle owing to the range of components used to make them, and accordingly recycling facilities that deal specifically with mattresses are scarce. This means too much of the material is being sent to landfill or incinerated.

"I made three requests to

DEFRA," said Cllr Loakes. "The first was to look to ban mattresses from landfill – helping to stimulate further commercial interest in recycling.

"The second was to introduce a compulsory take-back scheme to ensure the producer takes the responsibility for the end use of mattresses.

"And finally, I would like to see the Government introduce a facility to allow us to levy an annual charge against those companies undertaking a commercial letting agent function in our borough."

More info

If you have a mattress, or any item of bulky waste to dispose of you can arrange for these to be picked up free of charge by the Council. Phone **020 8496 3000**, email wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/bulky-collections.

Senior citizens' Christmas celebrations

A series of free festive meals for residents aged 60 and over are being organised by Waltham Forest Council to help wish senior citizens a very merry Christmas this December.

Last year over 800 older residents joined the Council

for a celebratory Christmas meal and entertainment, and this year to mark the end of our fantastic Olympic Year we will entertain 2012 over 60s at six events across the borough.

Giving senior citizens a tasty traditional two-course

Christmas dinner, the events will include entertainment by local groups and schools and the obligatory festive mince pie or two.

Registration is now open for the events which will take place between Monday 10 and Friday 14 December in Chingford, Leyton and Walthamstow.

Any Waltham Forest resident aged 60 or over is eligible to attend this year's free events but places must be booked in advance. Registration will close on Friday 26 October. A random ballot will be used if the events are oversubscribed.

Council Leader Chris Robbins told Waltham Forest News: "Even though there were 800 places available at the celebrations last year

the tickets were reserved very quickly. This year I'm delighted to say that we are able to offer even more of our residents a similar treat at these popular events."

"I had a wonderful time meeting many of the borough's senior residents at the lunches last year and hope to talk to people about their experiences during this special Olympic Year."

More info

To register your place phone **0161 829 6696** between 10.30am and 3.30pm Monday to Friday or email xmasdinners2012@hotmail.co.uk. Registration closes on Friday 26 October. For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/christmas-celebrations.



These ladies had a cracking time at last year's Christmas celebration.

In brief

Give your views on Waltham Forest News

Residents can have their say on Waltham Forest News and receive £25 in the process. We're reviewing Waltham Forest News to help make the paper better. We want to hear from you about what you read, what you'd like to see more of and how the newspaper could be improved. All you need to do is attend a 90 minute focus group and join a general discussion about the newspaper. The focus groups will take place in the evening of the 23 and 25 October at Waltham Forest Town Hall and numbers are limited.

• To express your interest email consultation@walthamforest.gov.uk or phone 020 8496 3000.



Have your say on housing consultation

Housing consultation

A consultation into how Waltham Forest Council allocates social rented housing to people on the Housing Register and to homeless households has been opened in light of recent changes to housing legislation. The Council is looking for answers to a number of key questions both to inform this and their Tenancy Strategy. This is being developed by the Council in order to outline what other social housing providers (e.g. housing associations) must consider when deciding on their own tenancy policies.

• To take part in the consultation visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/housing-consultation and complete the survey. The consultation runs until 21 October. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

New NHS maternity services

The Board of NHS North East London and the City, which covers Waltham Forest, has approved a plan for new maternity services at local hospitals. Most women will notice no difference, but some will be asked to have their babies at other hospitals nearby to ensure that no maternity units are trying to care for too many women. Maternity units across the area will now have a limit on how many births they can handle each year. This means some women at one time in Barking, Redbridge and Waltham Forest will be asked to deliver their babies at an alternative maternity unit – for example, the Barking Birthing Centre at Barking Community Hospital or Newham General Hospital for some Barking women; Whips Cross for some Redbridge women and the Homerton for some Waltham Forest women.

• For more information on NHS services in Waltham Forest visit www.elc.nhs.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Priorities



The Council is working hard to provide you and your family with better leisure opportunities.

Bringing you better shopping, streets and leisure

Waltham Forest Council has four key priorities to help improve the lives of residents. In this edition we look at what is being done to give you and your family access to better leisure opportunities.

While the Council's core business is providing you with the services you want and rely on like street cleanliness, education and social care, Waltham Forest is also keen to provide you and your family with better leisure opportunities as part of our regeneration plans for the borough.

In this edition we aim to highlight some of the work that's already been done and plans we still have in the pipeline when it comes to improving Waltham Forest's leisure offer.

The William Morris Gallery

Within six weeks of reopening, the William Morris Gallery had some 30,000 visitors pass through its doors. This was a stunning achievement, particularly when you consider roughly 28,000 people in total visited the Gallery in 2010-11.

Visitors flocked from near and far to see the improved building and take in Turner Prize winner Grayson Perry's stunning 'Walthamstow Tapestry'. The latest exhibition – entitled 'Everyday Encounters' – launched on October 13 and showcases the work of 28 artists and explores Morris' influence on contemporary crafts. Keep your eyes peeled for future news regarding exciting new exhibitions, talks and family events.

One of the many levels on which the Gallery has been praised is its ability to strike the right balance so that dyed-in-the-wool arts buffs and casual visitors can enjoy it equally. This ties in with Morris' own belief that art should be for everyone and was exactly what the Council was aiming for with the redevelopment. Another way in which this is evident is the Gallery's new programme for local schools. Thirty pupils from Walthamstow's

Coppermill Primary School recently became the first to use the Gallery's new learning centre, working with local artist Anna Alcock to explore Morris' themes and learn more about the area's rich cultural heritage.

Parks

Whether they're kicking a ball about with their mates, taking Fido for a walk or letting the kids run off some excess energy while watching the world go by, pretty much everyone who lives in Waltham Forest loves our parks.

They provide a great way to relax or get some exercise and are without a doubt one of the easiest ways to ensure you squeeze in some leisure time with your friends and family. With this in mind Waltham Forest Council has been investing heavily in the borough's open spaces in order to make them better than ever before.

For example, a deal with

the Olympic Delivery Authority meant we could invest £2million in bringing together I've Farm and Marsh Lane Playing Fields to create Leyton Jubilee Park. The space takes in some 14 hectares and offers residents new football pitches, a new play area and improved accessibility.

Walthamstow's Lloyd Park has also been upgraded thanks to £5million worth of investment from the Council and Heritage Lottery Fund. These works have made one of the borough's best loved green spaces even better, with a new café, community space, skate park and overhauled basketball courts and synthetic bowling green.

Elsewhere, Ridgeway Park, Coronation Gardens, Langthorne Park and Abbotts Park have been awarded Green Flags while Chingford's Hawkswood Nature Reserve has been awarded a Community Green Flag thanks to the hard work of local volunteers.

Sport and fitness

If the Olympic and Paralympic Games taught us anything it's that we're an even bigger nation of sports fans than we ever could have imagined.

While you flocked to pubs, social clubs and the Walthamstow Live Site to catch the sporting action as it happened, many of you have proved you're not content to simply watch the action from the sidelines but want to have a go yourselves.

Waltham Forest's Festival Of Sport – one of the year's 'Big 6' events – took place on 4 and 5 August and saw thousands of local people turn up to try out new sports or get top tips on how to up their game. Residents of all ages tried their hand (and feet!) at everything from archery to volleyball, and the local sports clubs in attendance reported a huge surge in interest as a result of the event.

The Council's plans to keep the borough active don't, however, begin and end with a two-day showcase. In order to help residents of all ages stay fit and healthy and make sure they have access to first-class sporting facilities we have inked a deal with leisure provider Better (previously known as GLL) worth £25million. This will see the borough's Council-owned leisure centres upgraded or refitted and Walthamstow's Pool and Track rebuilt from the ground up. We're also continuing to offer free swimming for under 18s and over 60s to ensure our youngest and oldest residents can stay fit and healthy.

More info

For more information about how the Council is working to meet your key priorities, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.

What you say

Residents tell Waltham Forest News what they think about the Council's investment plans for leisure facilities in the borough



Ryan Tring, 41, Walthamstow

"I think the leisure facilities in the borough are really quite good. We take our son swimming at the Pool and Track quite regularly and I think things like the revamped Lloyd Park and William Morris Gallery are great. We really enjoyed the torch relay coming through the borough in the summer too."



Anita Bitton, 62, Walthamstow

"I cycled over to Lloyd Park last month and thought it was wonderful. My son is 19 now, but used to go skateboarding over there and it was great to see lots of teenagers and children enjoying the facilities. I used to go to the EMD years ago and I'm really excited at the prospect of a new cinema opening."



Rosie Biggs, 22, Walthamstow

"I take my two-year-old to the park and have just started to go swimming at the Pool and Track. I think a little bit of investment in leisure facilities is needed as they provide a good opportunity for kids who would otherwise hang around on the streets. I go to the cinema a lot, so would love one to open in the borough."



Marcus Desnoes, 37, Walthamstow

"I used to go to Kelmscott Leisure Centre at weekends and have also used Lloyd Park and Abbotts Park quite a bit in the past. It would be great if there were more basketball facilities in the borough and I think a new cinema and restaurants would be great for Walthamstow."

Priority: Bringing you better shopping, streets and leisure

Commitment:

- Work to make our high streets thrive with a variety of shops and services to meet your needs
- Upgrade our pavements and roads
- Bring a cinema to the borough and rebuild or upgrade all of the borough's leisure centres
- Improve every park in the borough

Priority: Making our community a safer place

Priority: Keeping our borough clean

Priority: Helping you and your family

Environment

In brief

CPZ consultation ends

The consultation currently open to all residents in the south of the borough about whether they would like to see a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) operating in their streets, comes to an end on Monday 22 October. A CPZ was put in place during the Olympic and Paralympic Games to prevent large numbers of spectators parking outside the homes of local residents while visiting the Olympic Park. The Council sent consultation booklets to all residents in the affected area to find out whether they would like to see a CPZ reinstated in their roads. Make sure you respond by the above date to have your voice heard.

- For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parking. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.



Love Your Borough Awards 2013

Nominations are open for the Council's Love Your Borough Awards 2013, and residents are being urged to nominate people who deserve to receive an award. The annual awards give the Council the opportunity to celebrate the work that residents, groups, businesses, charities and the Emergency Services do to improve the physical environment and quality of life for everyone in Waltham Forest. Whether it's a local residents' association that has spruced up streets, a sports coach who gives up their free time to get children involved in sports, a young person who helps others or someone who helps make our borough safer - we want you to tell us about them. Winners will be honoured at an awards ceremony in April and will win £250 in shopping vouchers. The deadline for nominations is Friday 1 February 2013.

- For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/love-your-borough or phone 020 8496 3000.

Help out at William Morris garden

Would you be interested in helping to keep the William Morris garden looking lovely with a spot of weeding, dead-heading, edging and mulching? Waltham Forest Council is offering the opportunity to become a volunteer gardener in Lloyd Park. Simply turn up on the first Thursday of the month. The group will meet at the William Morris garden (near the Forest Road gate) and look to get to work in the garden between 10am and 1pm. It's a great opportunity to help take care of your park and be a part of your community. In addition it's a chance to meet new people, gain new skills and knowledge, improve your health and well-being and get outdoors in one of the most beautiful parts of the borough.

- To find out more phone 020 8496 3000, email ellie.mortimer@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/lloyd-park.



Blue badge fraudsters beware: a new enforcement team has you in their sights

Stamping out blue badge fraud

- Council crackdown to combat bogus blue badge bandits
- New enforcement team hits the streets to find scheme abusers

Waltham Forest Council has implemented a specialist team to investigate blue badge fraud. They started work last month with the aim of uncovering the use of fake blue badges in the borough.

Legitimate blue badges make a significant difference

to the quality of life of disabled people by allowing them to park in special bays and spaces that reduce the distance they have to travel to get to shops and services.

Sadly, not everyone respects the rights of disabled people, and others go even further by abusing the system and seeking to

gain an advantage by using counterfeit blue badges.

"It's despicable really," said Councillor Clyde Loakes, Cabinet Member for Environment. "The fact that people actively take advantage of something that is designed to help people coping with disabilities is beyond the understanding of all right-minded people.

"However, we have to deal with the reality and at Waltham Forest Council we have decided enough is enough. In addition to being morally reprehensible it is also a criminal offence to use a fake, lost or stolen badge, or to use someone else's blue badge. This new team will pursue anyone we catch and make them liable for a fine up to £1,000."

As well as patrols actively seeking out those that abuse the system, the Council is also urging residents to report any suspected fraudulent use. "The abusers who commit this fraud do so for no other reason than personal gain," explained Cllr Loakes.

"This type of fraud costs the taxpayer thousands of pounds annually. Help us stamp out this sort of behaviour by shopping anyone who you know is out shopping while misusing a blue badge."

Fact file

- In England and Wales there are 2,450,000 blue badges on issue with an estimated 1 person in 20 in the UK holding a blue badge.
- The misuse of disabled blue badges is a huge problem with an estimated potential of up to 50 per cent of badges being misused.
- The Audit Commission calculate that the annual loss to local authorities through blue badge fraud is £4.6 million.
- The Department for Transport "strongly recommends that a local authority in areas where this is perceived to be a problem (especially urban areas) establishes specialised blue badge enforcement teams."
- To report someone you suspect is misusing a blue badge, phone 0845 331 2392 and select option 5.

More info

For more information go to the Council's website at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/parking. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

Free 2012 Fantastic Fireworks!

- Free admission to stellar firework display to round off Olympic Year
- Bring your friends, family and neighbours to enjoy the celebration



Fireworks lit up the sky at Big 6 celebration

2012 has been an amazing year for Waltham Forest, beginning with a visit from Her Majesty the Queen and culminating with the sporting splendor of the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Along the way we've held a string of stunning events

to help you celebrate the Olympic Year and say 'thank you' for bearing with us during the disruption. Some 55,000 of you enjoyed our Winter Wonderland, danced up a storm at Party on the Pitch or Urban Classic, tried out a new sport of two at Festival of Sport and sat back to

enjoy your cinematic faves at Forest Film Fest. In addition to this, hundreds more local people held or attended an Olympic-themed street party, many of which were paid for by the Council through its Community Ward Forums.

While we know 2012's not quite over yet, we nevertheless want to help you round off the Olympic Year – and our Big 6 celebrations with – a BANG! by inviting you to our Fantastic Fireworks celebration on Monday 5 November.

This year's event will be free admission as part of our pledge to make the most of the Olympic year, so come along with your friends, family and neighbours to enjoy the spectacle.

"I don't think local people could have asked for more from a truly stunning year," Council Leader Chris Robbins

told Waltham Forest News. "Whether they were watching the Games on the Big Screen, hosting street parties or taking part in the opening ceremony I think almost every single person living in Waltham Forest will have something to remember 2012 by, and that's what we always wanted."

"Our fireworks event is always enjoyed by thousands, and as a final thank you to resident for their patience and support throughout 2012 the event will be free this year."

More info

The Fantastic Fireworks event will be held at Chestnut Fields, which is behind Waltham Forest Town Hall (Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4JF). Gates open at 5pm and the fireworks begin at 8pm. Admission is free.

In brief



Cinema planning application

The planning application for the proposed new cinema development on the Arcade site in Walthamstow Town Centre has been received by Waltham Forest Council. The application seeks to build a new nine-screen cinema with approximately 1,200 seats, accompanied by new restaurants and commercial premises. The development also proposes to build 121 residential units to include 50 affordable homes for rental and shared ownership, aimed at local people and first time buyers. It is predicted that the development will provide over 100 new jobs, with Empire Cinemas alone offering seven management positions and around 28 staff positions, which would rise to 50 during peak seasons. The application is due to be considered at a planning meeting in the New Year. A public consultation on the plans is now open and runs until the end of November. The plans and documents are also available to view at Walthamstow Library.

• To have your say visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/arcade-site. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

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Waltham Forest's diverse community is once again being targeted by the far-right English Defence League (EDL) as they propose to march on Saturday 27 October, just weeks after their previous protest in the area.

Whilst we agree that everyone has the right to protest, this latest stand by people with no connection to our borough is an abuse of this right.

The Council has joined with local newspaper the Waltham Forest Guardian to launch a campaign 'Waltham Forest - United - Strong - Together' to call on the Home Secretary to take action to protect residents from the onslaught of the EDL.

As part of this campaign a special free event will take place to celebrate everything that is great about Waltham Forest.

For more information about the event, or to sign the online petition visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/together

United Strong Together
Saturday 27 October 2012, 11am - 4pm

Walthamstow Town Centre, Walthamstow E17

Come together and enjoy activities including:

- Two wheeled segways (motorised scooter)
- Table football and much more in the activity packed games tent
- Food and drink stalls
- Decorate special hearts on the Waltham Forest celebratory trees

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Chingford



Keeping the art of penmanship alive: the calligraphy club at work.

The write stuff

- Chingford Calligraphy Circle teaches local people classic design skill
- New members young and old sought to join

In the age of email and instant messaging the art of writing by pen is a skill that is often claimed to be dying out. But one Chingford-based club is hoping to reverse that decline and get residents to pick up their pens once more.

The Chingford Calligraphy Circle meets on the second Thursday of every month at Chingford United Reformed Church (2b Buxton Road, Chingford, E4 7DP) from 7.30pm.

Pam Raworth, from the Chingford Calligraphy Circle, told Waltham Forest News: "We're very passionate about continuing this art-form. So much correspondence now happens by email or on the phone, and we want encourage as many people as possible to learn the art of calligraphy and get used to using a pen again."

Calligraphy is a type of visual art related to writing and often features on wedding invitations, in books, in religious art, on maps and on special documents. It is the design and execution of lettering with

a broad tip instrument or brush in one stroke as opposed to built up lettering, in which the letters are drawn line by line.

The art of calligraphy finds its origins in cave paintings. As humans evolved, the art of drawing pictures became highly developed and reached great heights under the direction of the Egyptians. In about 3500 BC, the Egyptians created the highly stylized hieroglyphics for which they are so well known. These symbols were carved inside tombs or painted with brushes across papyrus paper.

By the 19th century the steel pen and fountain pen replaced the flat-edged pen. The rounded tip of these new pens made the special curves of calligraphy more difficult to achieve. The art might have been lost if it weren't for Waltham Forest's very own William Morris.

In the mid 1800s Morris spearheaded a calligraphic revival, reintroducing the flat edged pen and elevating the act of writing to the art-form of its past.

The members of Chingford

Calligraphy Circle are currently working on an ongoing project about the seasons. Each member is creating a personal book and using calligraphy skills to decorate it.

Pam explained: "We decided to use the seasons as a project theme because there are lots of different ways to interpret it. Each member is creating their own personalised book for each season. For example, some people might be including poems, recipes that they particularly associate with one of the seasons, stories about the time of year and so on.

"Everyone is designing and creating lovely books and it's amazing to see the different interpretations that can come out of one theme. We've got some very creative, talented members and everyone socialises and has fun as a group while we work on our projects."

The group is open to people of all ages and children are welcome to attend if accompanied by an adult.

Pam said: "We're a very

friendly small group, and would like to encourage more people to come along and give calligraphy a try. We have a wide range of ages within the group and we even have an 11-year-old member who attends every month with her grandmother."

Tuition is always available at the sessions with experienced calligraphers Gill and Patrick Harrison, and members are happy to share their tips and tricks with each other. Complete beginners are very welcome to attend, as are more experienced artists.

Pam added: "Penmanship is a wonderful skill to have and if anyone wants to learn calligraphy they are very welcome to come along to the group. I'd urge people to come and visit us, see what we do and have a go themselves."

More info

For more information on Chingford Calligraphy Circle phone 020 8529 3094 or email raworthgallery@yahoo.co.uk.

In brief

Beginners get running with Orion Harriers

Chingford-based Orion Harriers athletics club is offering new walk/run training sessions for beginners this autumn. Sessions will take place on Mondays from 10-11am at Highams Park (Tamworth Avenue entrance) and Wednesdays from 7-8pm at the club's headquarters (Jubilee Retreat, Bury Road, Chingford). The sessions are run by experienced, qualified coaches and are aimed at beginners or people who have not run for a long time. The first two classes are free and a charge of £3 per session applies thereafter. The club also caters for experienced athletes. It participates in cross country, road running and track and field events and has thriving junior and senior sections. Most training sessions take place from the clubhouse at Jubilee Retreat, days and times vary.

• For more information visit www.orionharriers.org.uk or phone Chris Finney on 07748 236422 or Elaine Barrett on 07813 608589.



Stroke support

Staff at Sainsbury's supermarket in Chingford have chosen the Waltham Forest Branch of the Stroke Association as their local charity for the year. The partnership began last month when the charity held a 'know your blood pressure' event at the supermarket. Customers and staff had free blood pressure tests and were given advice on how to keep their blood pressure at a safe level. High blood pressure is one of the biggest risk factors for stroke, yet has no symptoms and affects people of all ages. Sainsburys and the Stroke Association will hold various fundraising and awareness events throughout the year.

• For more information on stroke please visit www.stroke.org.uk or phone the helpline on 0303 3033 100.

Chingford Parish Church Choir

Singers in the Chingford Parish Church Choir are reflecting on a successful and busy summer. The choir were twice featured on BBC Radio 2's 'Sunday Half Hour' and performed at a number of prestigious events at St Paul's Cathedral, Gloucester Cathedral and Hereford Cathedral. Reverend Canon Andrew Piper, the Precentor at Hereford Cathedral, wrote in a letter to the choir: "Your choir is without doubt one of the best parish church choirs. The standard of music that you delivered was higher than could be achieved by quite a few English cathedral choirs!" The singers also have another reason to celebrate, as planning permission has been granted to rebuild the Parish Hall, which will include a dedicated Song School where they can rehearse. The choir currently has a few vacancies for boys aged 7 to 10.

• For more information visit www.parishofchingford.org.uk. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

What's On

Sports and fitness

Iyengar yoga classes

Thursdays, 7.30-8.30pm
St Patrick's Church Hall, Blackhorse Road, E17 6NH
Saturdays, 9-10am
St Andrew's Church, St Andrews Road, E17 6AR
The practice of iyengar yoga is suitable for all regardless of flexibility and age. Iyengar yoga helps gain good health, mental peace, emotional equanimity and intellectual clarity. Beginners welcome. For further information phone Nicholle on 07962 424460.



Zumba with Dawnjam Fitness

Wednesdays, 6.45-7.45pm
Greenleaf Road, Baptist Church, E17 6QQ. Zumba fitness classes, £5 per session. For more information phone Dawn on 07572 441324 or email info@dawnjamfitness.co.uk.

Egbertian Football Club

Days and times vary
Peter May Sports Centre
The Egbertian FC run five Saturday teams and seek players aged 16 and over for the forthcoming season who are keen, enthusiastic and disciplined. Established in 1928, we are FA Charter Standard Adult Club accredited and are a well run and friendly club. For more information visit www.egbertianfc.co.uk, email egbertianafc@yahoo.com or phone Jeff Thomas on 07596 720850.

Zumba class

Wednesdays, 7-8pm
St Patrick's Parish Hall, Blackhorse Road, E17. Zumba for over 16s. Entry is £6 or £4 for OAPs. For more information phone 07906 599072.

Ladies only kickboxing

Thursdays, 10-11am
Saturdays, 11.30am-12.30pm
Legion Fitness Education Centre, Unit 5 Transform House, 16 Wellington Road, E10 7QF

£6 per session. Come along and get fit whilst learning self defence in a secure, fun and friendly environment. For more information phone 07538 900511 or visit www.legion-fitness.com.

Blackhorse and Standard Morris Dancers

Wednesdays 8-10pm
St Gabriel's Family Centre, Havant Road (off Wood Street) E17 3JF
Blackhorse and Standard Women's Morris dancers welcome new female members to our weekly practices. A fun and friendly way of keeping fit while learning traditional English Morris dancing. No experience necessary, just come along and have a go. Musicians (male or female) also welcome. First term free to new members. Visit www.blackhorseandstandard.org.uk or phone 020 8527 2926 for further information.

Beginners 'Love to Run' course

Thursdays, 7.15pm
The Cottage, Marsh Lane, E10 7BL
If you have been inspired by the Olympics to take up running the Eton Manor AC 'Love to Run' course will train beginners to run 5km in 9 weeks. For more information email ettonmanorac2013@gmail.com or phone Rachel Brittle on 07931 049638.

Pilates Fusion

Tuesdays, 7.30-8.30pm
The Limes Community and Children's Centre, William Morris Hall, 6 Somers Road, E17 6RX. This one hour session includes 30 minutes low impact cardio and 30 minutes Pilates for toning and strengthening the whole body. All fitness levels are welcome. You will learn all Pilates principles, and how to perform them with ease. No jumping and no jarring to the body, which could cause injuries. Six week course £45. Book your place as soon as possible. Phone Sonja on 07847 603 423 or visit www.infinehealth.co.uk.



Yoga for healthy backs

Tuesdays, 7-9pm
Quaker Meeting House, Bush Road, E11 3AU. An eight week term paid for in advance. Starts 11 September but

you can join later if you want. Classes include relaxation, pranayama and appropriate postures to help relieve and strengthen your core. For full details phone Arlene on 07976 903003, email info@yoga4birth.co.uk or visit www.yoga4birth.co.uk.

Pre and postnatal bellydance with Chloe

Mondays, 12pm; Wednesdays, 3pm; Fridays, 7pm
111a Hoe Street (entrance in Cairo Road), E17 4RX
Enjoy keeping fit during and after pregnancy with this beautiful dance form. Fully qualified pre and post natal dance instructor. Bellydancing is not only soothing for your baby but promotes strength, balance and coordination, preparing you for labour and recovery. All levels welcome. For further details phone Chloe on 07903 629636, email chloe@dancechloe.com or visit www.DanceChloe.com.

Adults' football group

Mondays, 7pm
Leyton Youth Centre.
Watched the Olympics? Made you want to keep fit and get in to shape? Maybe it's made you want to get in to playing a sport. If so come along and get fit with some football training followed by a game of football with friendly local people. No need to be a Ronaldo, it is all about having fun. All we ask is for a very small fee to help us hire the pitch. 18+ only please. For more information contact 0208 365 5138 or thinkfit@tottenhamhotspur.com

Total Body Toning

Tuesdays, 8-9pm
North Chingford Methodist Church, Station Rd (opposite Budgens)
An uplifting full body resistance workout to tone, strengthen and burn calories. Includes use of weights, Bodybars, Gliding discs, rubber tubing, followed by a floorwork and stretching section. Taught to motivating music. First class FREE, then £25 per month. Please phone Lucilla on 07956 695077 to book your space, email lucilla@onestopfitness.co.uk or visit www.onestopfitness.co.uk.

Karate classes for all

Classes run seven days a week
Waltham Forest Pool and Track, Larkwood Leisure Centre, The Peter May Sports Centre and Forest School. Come along for a free trial Karate class for everyone at the leisure centres listed above. For more information visit www.Karate-London.co.uk or phone 0845 4303 007.

Fun female fitness

Tuesdays, 6.15-7.15pm
Leyton Sixth Form College, Essex Road, Leyton, E10 6EQ

Come and try some fun female only activities in a comfortable environment. Lots of different activities to try such as circuits, badminton, volleyball, basketball, rounders, table tennis and more. The session is coordinated by a qualified coach from the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and is for women of any age, all 16 plus. £1 per session. Just turn up and join in. For more information contact 0208 365 5138 or thinkfit@tottenhamhotspur.com

Women only jogging

Wednesdays, 9.30-10.30am
Abbotts Park, Leyton, E10
Join in our fun, female only jogging group. Get fit, build up your fitness and confidence in a comfortable female only environment. The session is coordinated by a qualified leader from the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation and volunteers from the local area and is for women of any age, all 16 plus. All abilities welcome. Free. Just turn up and join in. For more information contact 0208 365 5138 or thinkfit@tottenhamhotspur.com

Tell us what's on

walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk

Clubs and community

Open Heart Meditation

Fridays, 11am
Quaker Meeting House, Walthamstow. This simple yet deep meditation is easy to learn and very relaxing. New six week course starting Friday 19 October. £8 per session. Discount when booking the whole course in advance.
To discuss, or book your place, phone Esmee on 07985 220014 or email info@heartfulnesstherapy.com.

The Conservation Volunteers' adult training session

Wednesday 7 November, 12-3pm
Whitehouse Woods, Woodford Green, IG8 9LB. Learn hedge layering and how to create dead hedging. Experienced leaders will go through the basics of tree coppicing and

felling with hand tools. Create natural barriers and learn basic forestry techniques. Suitable for everyone aged 16 and over. It will be a great day to learn something new, practise a few old skills or just join in. To find out more, and to book a place, phone 020 8533 8022, email gg-walthamforest@tcv.org.uk or visit www.tcv.org.uk.

Lloyd Park volunteer gardening

First Thursday of every month, 10am-1pm

Meet at the Forest Road entrance. Help keep the new William Morris Garden looking lovely with the park's Head Gardener. A great opportunity to be outdoors, get new skills and knowledge, improve your health and wellbeing, meet new people, care for your park and be part of your community. For more information phone Ellie Mortimer 020 8496 3000, email ellie.mortimer@walthamforest.gov.uk or visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/lloyd-park.

E17 Baby Massage

Tuesday 16 October, 11.30am and 2.30pm
Wednesday 17 October, 10.30am and 2pm

Barrett Road, Walthamstow. This five week course teaches parents/carers how to a full body massage with their baby. This includes specific techniques to help relieve colic, wind, teething problems, nasal and chest congestion and encourage a deeper sleep. Class size of six parents/carers with baby aged six weeks to pre-crawling. Each class lasts up to an hour and finishes with cake, biscuits and a cuppa. £48 for course. For more information phone 07967 108451, email Madeline@e17babymassage.co.uk or visit www.e17babymassage.co.uk.

Personal Development, Business and Career Coaching for Women

Free one to one personal development, career and business coaching sessions are being offered to women in the Waltham Forest area to help them with career progression, changing career, confidence building, starting up a small business etc. Contact us and quote 'Waltham Forest News Offer'. Only travel expenses of no more than £20 will be required. Email carol@aboundingolutions.com or phone 07956 517818.

The South Chingford Community Library

Saturdays, 10am-4pm; Wednesdays, 10am-4pm; Thursdays, 10am-2pm

265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP

The South Chingford Community Library is extending its opening times from October. Handcraft sessions will start at the library on Thursday 10 October 2012.

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Highams Park Gardening Club

Second Tuesday of each month, 7.30-9.30pm

Winchester Road Methodist Church Halls, Winchester Road, E4 9JP. Our back to basics gardening club includes "how to do" demonstrations. Practical workshops, plant swaps, gardening problem question time. Very friendly group, new members always welcome. Our October meeting includes a plant swap. £1.50 each meeting, including raffle and refreshments. £4.50 membership. For more information phone David Spicer, club coordinator, on 020 8531 3178 or email david.spicer@yahoo.co.uk.

Community local produce stall

Every Saturday, 11am – 3pm

St John's Church, Church Lane, Leytonstone (between the church and Matalan, just off the High Road) A stall selling delicious, locally grown organic fruit and vegetables, and other local produce. A partnership between Organiclea and Transition Leytonstone.

Autumn Daze



See inside
for playschemes,
events, activities and
entertainment



Activities for Children
Under 5



Activities for Children
5 plus



Activities for Children
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Activities for All Ages



Waltham Forest
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Looking for something to
do during the **Autumn** break?

Please check the Children and Young People's Directory calendar
for what is going on in the borough every day, including Half Term:
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/cypd



Activities for Children Under 5

AFRICAN MASK WORKSHOP

2 TO 5 YEARS

Monday 22 October
10.30am to 11.30am

Leyton Library, High Road, Leyton E10 5QH

Traditional tribal mask designs are used to inspire children to create their own versions using colours, paints and collage.

Call or drop in to the library to book your place.

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000
wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk

PLAY SESSIONS

0 TO 5 YEARS

Under 5 - Monday 29 October to Saturday 3 November
10am to 2pm

Under 18 months - Tuesday 30 October
1.30pm to 3.30pm

Walthamstow Toy Library & Play Centre
Comely Bank Community Clinic
46 Ravenswood Road
Walthamstow E17 9LY

Themed play sessions for under 5 children and their carers. Sessions include: messy play, physical play, halloween themed activities and baby play sessions.

£2.50 for the first child and 50p for any additional children.

Concessionary rates are available

020 8509 3401
www.walthamstowtoylibrary.org
manager@walthamstowtoylibrary.org

PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP

0 TO 5 YEARS

Monday 29 October & Thursday 1 November
9.15am to 11.15am

Chapel End Early Years Centre
Brookscroft Road, Walthamstow E17 4LH

A drop-in session for children to play and have fun!

£1.50 first child & 50p for siblings

020 8527 9192

GROW WILD

0 TO 5 YEARS

Monday 29 October

1.30pm to 3pm

Tuesday 30 October & Wednesday 31 October
10am to 11.30am

The Lloyd Park Centre
Winns Avenue Entrance, Lloyd Park
Walthamstow E17 5JW

An exciting outdoor nature play session, come prepared for all weathers.

£1.50 first child & 50p for siblings

020 8531 9522
lpc@thelloydparkcentre.co.uk

BABY BOUNCE & RHYME

0 TO 5 YEARS

Monday 29 October, Wednesday 31 October & Friday 2 November
10.30am to 11.00am

Walthamstow Library
High Street, Walthamstow E17 7JN

Travel to the moon and back with songs, rhymes and actions for babies and parents to enjoy together!

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000
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CARIBBEAN ORIGAMI CRAFTS

2 TO 5 YEARS

Monday 29 October
10.30am to 11.30am

Higham Hill Library
North Countess Road
Walthamstow E17 5HS

Paper folding fun for little hands! Call or drop in to the library to book your place.

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000
wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk

AFRICAN MASK WORKSHOP

2 TO 5 YEARS

Tuesday 23 October
10.30am to 11.30am

Wood Street Library, Forest Road
Walthamstow E17 4AA

Traditional tribal mask designs are used to inspire children to create their own versions using colours, paints and collage. Call or drop in to the library to book your place.

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000
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YOU AND YOUR NEW BABY

0 TO 1 YEARS

Tuesday 30 October
10am to 11.30am

The Lloyd Park Centre
Winns Avenue Entrance, Lloyd Park
Walthamstow E17 5JW

Drop-in session for pre-crawlers and to meet other new parents and share experiences.

£1.50 first child & 50p for siblings

020 8531 9522
lpc@thelloydparkcentre.co.uk

BABY BOUNCE & RHYME

0 TO 5 YEARS

Tuesday 30 October
10.30am to 11am

Leyton Library, High Road, Leyton E10 5QH

Travel to the moon and back with songs, rhymes and actions for babies and parents to enjoy together!

★ FREE ★

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Activities for Children Under 5

ONCE UPON A STORYTIME

2 TO 5 YEARS

Wednesday 31 October

10.30am to 11am

Leyton Library, High Road, Leyton E10 5QH

Storytime adventures for little ones with big imaginations!

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000

wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk

DRAW ME A STORY

2 TO 5 YEARS

Wednesday 31 October

10.30am to 11.30am

Lea Bridge Library, Lea Bridge Road

Leyton E10 7HU

The end of the book is never the end of the story... With our storytime and arts and crafts session you can make the fun go further!

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000

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BABY BOUNCE & RHYME

0 TO 5 YEARS

Wednesday 31 October

10.30am to 11.00am

Hale End Library, Castle Avenue

Highams Park E4 9QD

Travel to the moon and back with songs, rhymes and actions for babies and parents to enjoy together!

★ FREE ★

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SOFT PLAY

0 TO 3 YEARS

Thursday 1 November

9.30am to 11am

Higham Hill Children's Centre

313 Billet Road, Walthamstow E17 5PX

Soft play drop-in session for children to develop their balance and physical co-ordination.

£1.50 first child & 50p for siblings

020 8527 1737

CLUB MELLOW LGBT PARENTS & BABIES

BABIES AND TODDLERS

Every Thursday

10.30am to 12.30pm

The ELOP Centre, 56-60 Grove Road
Walthamstow E17 9BN

Songs, games, toys and activities for children. Chat, coffee & networking for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans parents.

£2.50 per adult & children free

020 8509 3898

info@elop.org

SING-A-LONG

0 TO 5 YEARS

Friday 2 November

10am to 11.15am

Higham Hill Library, North Countess Road
Walthamstow E17 5HS

Come along to a free singing session.

★ FREE ★

The Lloyd Park Centre

020 8531 9522

lpc@thelloydsparkcentre.co.uk



Activities for children 5 plus

FLAGS OF FREEDOM

4 TO 11 YEARS

Tuesday 23 October
4pm to 5pm
Lea Bridge Library, Lea Bridge Road
Leyton E10 7HU

Celebrate 50 years of independence for Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago by helping us to create a beautiful display of flag artwork.

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000
wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk

ANANSI ARTS

4 TO 11 YEARS

Wednesday 24 October
4pm to 5pm
North Chingford Library
The Green, Chingford E4 7EN

One of the most famous figures in African folklore is introduced to children during this workshop through stories and arts and crafts. Call or drop in to the library to book your place.

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000
wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk

THE CRAYON BOX

4 TO 11 YEARS

Wednesday 24 October
4pm to 5pm
Hale End Library, Castle Avenue
Highams Park E4 9QD

Art activity based on the poem, 'The Crayon Box That Talked', introducing children to ideas of individual differences and that working together produces results which are much more interesting and colourful! Call or drop in to the library to book your place

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000
wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk

AFRICAN MASK WORKSHOP

4 TO 11 YEARS

Sunday 28 October
10.30am to 11.30am
Walthamstow Library, High Street
Walthamstow E17 7JN

Traditional tribal mask designs are used to inspire children to create their own versions using colours, paints and collage. Call or drop in to the library to book your place.

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000
wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk

AUTUMN HALF TERM PLAY SCHEME

4 TO 12 YEARS

Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November
8.45am to 4.45pm

Mission Grove Primary School
Buxton Road, Walthamstow E17 7JU

One week of fun activities such as sports, dance, drama, art, Fun Fridays, trips to the cinema, bowling and lots more.

£14 per day

£60 per week

A discounted rate of 15% is available for early bookings and payment.

Meshak Taylor

020 8520 3487 or 07939 241798
info@striveyouths-london.co.uk

BARCLAY PRIMARY HOLIDAY CLUB

4 TO 11 YEARS

Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November
8am to 6pm

Barclay Primary School
155 Canterbury Road, Leyton E10 6EJ
Arts, crafts, football, games, trips, Wii, computers, team games and lots more.

£112.50 per week

£22.50 per day

£15 half-day session

Steffi Cooper/Janis Pritchard
020 8539 6777 or 07926 170564
Stephanie.cooper@barclayprimary.waltham.sch.uk



Activities for children 5 plus

LITTLE GREEN MAN NURSERY

5 TO 10 YEARS

Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November
8am to 6pm

Little Green Man Nursery
15 Lemna Road, Leytonstone E11 1HX

Arts and crafts, drama and a wide range of activities.

£100 per week

020 8539 7228

THE LLOYD PARK CENTRE OUT OF SCHOOL PROVISION

PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN

Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November
8am to 5.50pm

The Lloyd Park Centre, Winns Ave Entrance
Lloyd Park, Walthamstow E17 5JW

Our out of school provision includes a wide range of child led activities both indoors and outdoors.

£25.60 per day

020 8531 9522

lpc@thelloydsparkcentre.co.uk

HOLIDAY PLAYSHEME

5 TO 12 YEARS

Monday 29 October to Thursday 1 October
10am to 3.30pm

The Limes Community and Children's Centre
William Morris Hall, 6 Somers Road
Walthamstow E17 6RX

Varied play activities including use of our adventure playground, soft play room and sensory room.

£7.50 per day for disabled children (with allocation of Short Breaks hours), £5 per day for siblings & £16.50 for children with no additional needs.

020 8509 8985

admin@thelimes.org.uk

BLACK HISTORY QUIZ: FAMOUS WOMEN

5 TO 11 YEARS

Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November
9am to 7pm

North Chingford Library, The Green
Chingford E4 7EN

Come along to take part in our fun quiz about famous black women throughout history. We've got the questions and we've got everything you need to find the answers!

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000

wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk

CREATIVE STAMPS WORKSHOP

5 TO 11 YEARS

Monday 29 October
2.30pm to 3.30pm

Higham Hill Library, North Countess Road
Walthamstow E17 5HS

Celebrate Black History Month by making your own stamp featuring famous black men and women throughout history

Call or drop in to the library to book your place.

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000

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COLOUR ME HAPPY

4 TO 11 YEARS

Tuesday 30 October
4pm to 5pm

Leyton Library, High Road
Leyton E10 5QH

Unleash your creativity and let your imagination run wild with our afternoon arts and crafts session.

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000

wfdirect@walthamforest.gov.uk

BLACK HISTORY COLLAGE WORKSHOP

5 TO 11 YEARS

Wednesday 31 October
2.30pm to 3.30pm

North Chingford Library
The Green, Chingford E4 7EN

Call or drop in to the library to book your place.

★ FREE ★

020 8496 3000

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AUTUMN TREE CRAFTS

4 TO 11 YEARS

Saturday 3 November
2.30pm to 4pm

Walthamstow Library
High Street, Walthamstow E17 7JN

Help us to celebrate the season as we create a beautiful tree display.

★ FREE ★

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Activities for 12 to 19 year olds

FILM: THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES

12 YEARS AND UP

Monday 22 October

6.30pm to 8.30pm

Saturday 27 October

2.30pm to 4.30pm

North Chingford Library
The Green, Chingford E4 7EN

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£2

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BUXTON XTRA

8 TO 19 YEARS

Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November
11am to 4pm

Buxton School, Terling Close
Leytonstone E11 3NT

Basketball, football, BBQ, halloween treasure hunt, gardening, roller hockey, multi-sports and study support.

£3 per child

£1 concessionary rate

Carol Moloney

020 8519 7148 or 020 8534 3425

www.buxtonschool.org.uk

UK SPORTS LEADERS LEVEL TWO AWARD IN COMMUNITY SPORTS LEADERSHIP

16 TO 19 YEARS

GIRLS ONLY COURSE

Monday 29 November to Friday 2 November
9.30am to 4pm

George Green School

100 Manchester School, Isle of Dogs E14 3DW

Learn the basic skills to become a Community Sports Coach and play a range of multi sports.

★ FREE ★

Philip Rudling 020 8556 5973

Philip.rudling@locsp.org

YOUTH PROVISION

11 TO 15 YEARS

Volunteers: 16 to 19 years for those interested in Sports Coaching or Childcare. (must have CRBs)

Monday 29 October to Friday 2 November
8.30am to 6pm

South Chingford Methodist Church
3 New Road, Chingford E4 9EU

'Youth Group!' Come along and relax in a 'chilled out' environment. You will have access to a range to equipment and up to date mod cons. Watch a film or play pool in a warm, safe and secure environment.

11 to 13 years playscheme rates

14 to 15 years (intro rate) £10 per day
(concessions for siblings)

Ella Parkinson
020 8531 9658 or 07723 332493
YellowBirdsinfo@aol.com

BASKETBALL

13 TO 19 YEARS

Tuesday 30 October to Friday 28 October
5.30pm to 7.30pm

Forest YMCA, 642 Forest Road
Walthamstow E17 3EF

Beginners and intermediate level in basketball.

★ FREE ★

Deborah Hudson 020 8509 4625
dhudson@forestymca.org.uk



Activities for 12 to 19 year olds

CLUB MELLOW YOUTH OUT EAST

13 TO 21 YEARS OR UP TO 25 WITH DISABILITY

Every Wednesday
6pm to 9pm

The ELOP Centre, 56-60 Grove Road
Walthamstow E17 9BN

If you're lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans, find out about careers that will support your sexuality. Wednesday 24 October we have special guests from State Street Bank talking careers and CVs.

£1

Jessie Holder 020 8509 3898
youth@elop.org

GAMES CITY FRIDAY NIGHT PROJECT

13 TO 19 YEARS

Every Friday 5pm to 9pm
Games City, 2 Garnett Way
Walthamstow E17 5PE

Play the latest computer games, complete homework on PC and socialise with other young people in a safe and fun environment.

★ FREE ★

Billy James 020 8531 4475
gamescity@hotmail.co.uk

SPINKICK MARTIAL ARTS

13 TO 19 YEARS

Every Friday (until 14 December)
5pm to 6.30pm

Leyton Youth Centre, Crawley Road
Leyton E10 6RJ

Wing chun kung fu, self-defence, boxing fitness and sparring.

★ FREE ★

Peter Stockley
020 7267 9000 or 07795 261423
info@sas-martialarts.co.uk



Activities for All Ages

ELOP LGBT FAMILY SUNDAYS

ALL AGES

Sunday 28 October
2.30pm to 4.30pm

Markfield Project
Markfield Road, Tottenham N15 4RB

Soft play afternoon for children of parents and carers who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans with an opportunity for parents to network. Please phone to book your place.

Contact for cost details.

Jessie Holder
020 8509 3898
info@elop.org

FAMILY ART WORKSHOP

9 TO 13 YEARS

Monday 29 October
11.30am to 12.30pm

Wood Street Library
Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4AA

Create your own beautifully inspired greeting card and envelope using the collage style of Ghanaian artist Godfried Donkor. Call or drop in to the library to book your place.

★ FREE ★

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£1 concessionary rate

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www.buxtonschool.org.uk

SPOOKY STORIES AND CREEPY CRAFTS

3 TO 11 YEARS

Tuesday 30 October
10.30am to 11.30am

Wood Street Library
Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4AA

Get ready for Halloween with our story and craft session for little witches and warlocks everywhere! Call or drop in to the library to book your place.

★ FREE ★

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FOOTBALL TRAINING

7 TO 17 YEARS

Every Wednesday
5pm to 8pm
(Time varies depending on age group)

Wadham Lodge
Kitchener Road, Walthamstow E17 4LL
Football training.

First session free then £4 weekly

Dave Rowan 07956 896749
wadhamfc@hotmail.co.uk

TEEN SCHEME

10 TO 18 YEARS

Friday 2 November
11am to 3.30pm

Meet at:
The Limes Community and Children's Centre
William Morris Hall, 6 Somers Road,
Walthamstow E17 6RX

Trip to bowling alley.

£7.50 per day for disabled young people (with allocation of Short Breaks hours), £5 per day for siblings and £16.50 for young people with no additional needs.

020 8529 3885
admin@thelimes.org.uk



For more information email info@transitionleytonstone.org.uk or phone 020 8556 0885.

Sunset over London - tower tours of St John's Church

Thursdays, start times vary
St John's Church, Leytonstone
Experience stunning views of the local area, the Olympic Park and the city skyline from this newly-restored East London landmark. After your trip up the tower, enjoy fairtrade refreshments and live music from local professional musicians while you look around the church. Admission £12.50 or £10 for groups and concessions. £5 for 8-16 years (sorry, no under 8s).

To book a space email bookings@stjohnleytonstone.co.uk or phone 020 8257

over 18 is welcome, professional authors and part-time hobbyists alike. For more information email forestwriters@hotmail.co.uk.



Guffaw Comedy Club

Thursday 1 November, 8.30pm
Ye Olde Rose and Crown, Hoe Street, Walthamstow. Comedy night featuring Barbara Nice, Andy White and Wendy Wason with MC Susan Murray. Entry £8.50 or £7.50 for concessions. All bills subject to change. For more information phone Al on 07971 712019.

Cheeky Handmades

Days and times vary
Beginners sewing, pattern cutting and quilting classes. £10 per hour plus materials. For full class listings, and to book, visit <http://bookwhen.com/cheekyhandmades>. For more information and other classes email jennie@cheekyhandmades.co.uk.

Tomorrow's Musicians Concert

Friday 26 October, 7.30pm
Temple of Truth Church Hall, Green Pond Road, E17.
Tomorrow's Musicians is a non-profitable organisation that provides opportunities for young people to showcase their talent to a community audience. The concerts are used to help young musicians aged 5-24 to gain confidence whether they are in the early stages or on their way to becoming an accomplished musician. All welcome, entrance costs £1. If you would like to showcase your talent, please phone Yvonne Kirton on 0303 040 1455 (Mon-Thurs 12-4pm).

Tell us what's on
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Children and young people

Salaam Peace Positive Routes multi-sports

Tuesdays, 6-8pm
Kelmcott Leisure Centre, Markhouse Road E17.
Multi-sports activities for young people aged 11 to 18. Just turn up and play. For more information email sab@salaampeace.org.

Grow Your Own Theatre

Days and times vary
Venues across Walthamstow Drama and theatre skills for young people in Walthamstow. Want to create your own shows and perform them? Projects for ages three to 19. You have stories. You have ideas. We want to hear them. For more information visit [www.growyourowntheatre.co.uk](http://growyourowntheatre.co.uk), email sarah@growyourowntheatre.co.uk or phone 07541 082552.



Little Legs football training

Mondays, 4-5.30pm
Goals Soccer Centre, Morrisons Avenue, E4 8SN. Football training for children aged three to 11, delivered by Eastside Rangers FC coaches and qualified playworkers. Play matches, work on the basic skills, learn the rules and have fun. Staff all qualified and trained to meet the needs of children. Friendly atmosphere and environment. £5 per child per session or £40 per two month block. Medals to be won. For more information phone 07939 366992 or visit [www.eastsiderangersfc.co.uk](http://eastsiderangersfc.co.uk).

Halloween party and disco

Friday 26 October, 4.30-6.30pm or 7.30-9.30pm
Chingford Assembly Hall, Station Road, Chingford, E4 7EN.

A fun Halloween party for children aged 5-11. Fancy dress optional. A limited number of younger children will be considered. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Fusion Mix Martial Arts Academy will bring 'Kung Fu Panda' to the party. Have your photo taken with him and you'll get a free martial arts class. On sale are quality 'Halloween' foods, barbecue, sweets, face painting and merry go round ride. Licensed bar for over 18s. Entry £4 for children and £3 for adults. Book tickets in advance to avoid

disappointment. To book a stall or order tickets phone Irene Bull on 020 8559 4500, email irenebull@hotmail.co.uk or visit [www.chingfordevents.com](http://chingfordevents.com).

Music for early years with Jo and her Cello

Thursdays, 2pm
Chingford United Reformed Church, 2b Buxton Road, E4 7DP
Fun music sessions for children aged three months to two years. Including action songs and nursery rhymes, music and movement, playing instruments with live cello, interesting sounds and multi sensory activities. £5 drop in or £4 for 6 or more classes. To book a space visit www.jo-anne-cox.com or phone 07757 490 351.

Acting Bugs drama group

Every Wednesday, 10am
St. Johns Church Hall, Leytonstone
Acting Bugs is a drama group for children aged 18 months to five years. The group is lead by local TV actress and mum, Sam Seager, (who plays Bobby the Bus Cleaner in CBeebies Me Too!) The session lasts 45 minutes and introduce pre school children to the world of drama in a fun, playful and imaginative way. Parents stay with their children through the session and well deserved refreshments are provided afterwards for big ones and little ones! Sessions cost £5 and £2.50 for any siblings. Email actingbugs100@gmail.com for more info or check out the Acting Bugs facebook page.

E17 Gymnastics Club

Saturdays, 3-5pm
E17 Gymnastics Club offers classes for children every Saturday afternoon. Classes for 4-7 years olds at 3pm and 8-11+ at 4pm. All classes are £4 per child. Email us to register your child as spaces are filling up fast.

Email E17gym@googlemail.com, visit www.facebook.com/E17GymnasticsClub or phone 07940 516366.

E17 Junior Guitar Club

Saturdays Hornbeam Centre, 458 Hoe Street, E17 9AH. Four different levels. Guitar playing fun for children of all abilities. We perform regularly! Pay £7 (£5 beginners) for a taster session, then £42 (£30 beginners) for a half-term of six lessons. For more information phone Christian 07958 471083, email christ@stunningmusic.com or visit www.stunningmusic.com.

Children and Young People's Directory

Compiled by the Council's Family Information Service (FIS), the directory gives free, impartial advice on childcare, general information on a wide range of services for children, young people and families and lists leisure and recreation activities of all kinds. For more information visit <http://csd.walthamforest.gov.uk>

6.30pm and main meeting from 7pm.

For more information on Community Ward Forums visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-ward-forums

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Council meetings



Wednesday 17 October

Waltham Forest Schools' Forum, 6.30pm

Audit and Governance Committee and Finance Scrutiny Committee joint meeting

Thursday 18 October

Full Council

Wednesday 24 October

Licensing and Gambling Committee

All meetings are held at Waltham Forest Town Hall unless stated otherwise, and start at 7.30pm.

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Forest Writers Group

Twice monthly Thursdays, 8-10pm

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WALTHAM FOREST SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD

Children and Young People's Service

Lay Members Waltham Forest Safeguarding Children Board

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The Waltham Forest Safeguarding Children Board (WFSCB) is responsible for making sure agencies work together to safeguard and promote the wellbeing of children and young people in Waltham Forest.

Waltham Forest SCB is looking to recruit two representatives who are residents of Waltham Forest and members of the local community to become Lay Members of the Board, for a period of 2 years.

Lay Members will support stronger public engagement in the area of child safeguarding and provide a community oversight and scrutiny of decisions and policies made by the Board. Their main duty will be to attend Board meeting and other sub-groups as appropriate.

Expenses will be reimbursed to cover travel if required.

You will need to be a confident and effective communicator, with the ability to challenge the LSCB and its partner agencies constructively. You will have an awareness of, and commitment to, equality and diversity and will be able to handle confidential information appropriately. Most importantly, you will be committed to improving the safeguarding of children and young people in Waltham Forest.

If you are interested in becoming a Lay Member to WFSCB, please go to www.walthamforest.gov.uk and click on jobs and search for WFSCB lay members, to get an application form.

For an informal discussion about the role, please contact Suzanne Elwick, WFSCB Business Manager on 020 8496 2762

The successful applicant will be subject to an enhanced CRB check and suitable references.

Closing date for application is 19 October 2012 and interviews 8 November 2012.

LBWF Allocations Scheme Review and Tenancy Strategy - Consultation

In light of recent changes in Housing legislation, the Council needs to update its Allocations Scheme. This sets out how the Council allocates social rented housing in the borough to people on the Housing Register and to homeless households.

The Council is also developing a Tenancy Strategy, which other social housing providers (eg housing associations) must have regard to when deciding their own tenancy policies.

We want you to have the chance to give us your thoughts about the issues we are looking at. We are looking to make decisions on the following issues:

- Should the Council continue to offer lifetime tenancies or should it introduce fixed-term tenancies for social housing tenants?
- Should the Council offer homeless households private sector accommodation?
- Should the Council make changes to succession rights for Council Tenants – who can inherit a tenancy?
- Should eligibility for the Housing Register/waiting list be restricted to people who live in the borough?
- Should the Council make changes to property size rules, (this covers how many bedrooms applicants are considered to need based on family size)?

To give your views on this, please go to the Council's website at the following link www.walthamforest.gov.uk/housing-consultation

The closing date for sending responses to us is 21.10.12.



Waltham Forest

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**Wednesday 17 October
or**

Tuesday 27 November

**at: Waltham Forest Town Hall
(Room 3), Forest Road,
Walthamstow E17 4JF**

For further information call

020 8496 3000

or to speak to the

Fostering Team directly call:

020 8496 1598

(9am-5pm Mon-Fri)

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The Trusted Traders website aims to help you get someone you can trust to get the job done

Trusted Traders

- New website aims to help you find a trustworthy tradesperson
- Traders vetted by The HEET Project and Age UK Waltham Forest

A new website to help local people locate trusted traders has been launched for people living in Waltham Forest.

Set up by The HEET Project, a local organisation aiming to help tackle climate change and fuel poverty, the Trusted Traders website aims to provide a database of reliable and trustworthy traders in Waltham Forest as well as neighbouring boroughs like Hackney, Haringey and Redbridge. While the site was put together with older or vulnerable residents in mind it can, of course, be used by anyone looking for some peace of mind when it comes to home repairs and

improvements.

Each trader listed on the site will be checked by both The HEET Project and Age UK Waltham Forest, who look into matters including whether the company has the appropriate insurance, whether they are on the official list of traders for regulated professions (e.g. the 'Gas Safe Register' for gas engineers), which professional bodies they belong to and whether they have any convictions or cautions with Waltham Forest's Trading Standards Team.

As well as these important checks, the site also allows customers to rate the traders and share their experiences with other

visitors to the website.

The site is still in its infancy and is actively looking for more reputable traders to add to its books. If you've had a positive experience with a local plumber, locksmith, carpenter, builder or any other tradesperson you can get in touch with the Trusted Traders team who will then look into adding them to the site. Alternatively, if you're a local tradesperson looking for extra business then you can put yourself forward for inclusion as long as you're willing to abide by the terms and conditions laid down by The HEET Project and Age UK Waltham Forest.

As well as getting the right trader, of course, there are also some precautions you should take when you agree to have work done. The Trusted Traders site has some handy tips to help you with this as well, such as keeping a written quote from the trader and agreeing to pay in instalments rather than paying cash up front for the whole job.

More info

For more information phone 020 8520 1900 or visit www.trustedtraderswf.org.uk Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.

In brief

Car theft warning

Local people are being warned to keep their car keys safe after a spate of car incidents in Chingford. Three car thefts and three attempted thefts took place last month and, in each case, it is believed that the crooks somehow snagged residents' car keys from hallway tables through the letterbox. DS Iain Wallace from Waltham Forest CID said "Be vigilant with your home security and keep car keys secure and out of sight of the front door. Remind your friends and neighbours. If you see anything suspicious, report it to us immediately."

- If you have information about a crime you can report it anonymously via Crimestoppers by calling 0800 555 111 or visiting www.crimestoppers-uk.org



Cllr Liaquat Ali, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion with the 'sorry, no trick or treating' poster

A safe Halloween

As we approach Halloween and the thrills of Bonfire Night Waltham Forest Council would like to remind residents to enjoy the time of year safely and responsibly. For those of you who'd rather not have miniature guys and ghouls knocking on your door and asking for sweetmeats our ever-popular 'sorry, no trick or treating' posters are available for download from the Council's website – just print one off and pop it up in your window to keep those trick-or-treaters away. If you're hosting a Guy Fawkes' Night celebration please be careful and considerate of your neighbours or, better still, come along to the free Fantastic Fireworks celebration we're holding behind the Town Hall on Monday 5 November.

- To print off a 'sorry, no trick or treating' poster visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/community-safety Free internet access is available in our libraries.

Operation Hawk

Waltham Forest Police swooped down on 16 addresses across the borough as part of Operation Hawk on 20 September as part of a Met-wide initiative. As a result, three cannabis factories were closed, over 500 cannabis plants were seized, eight people were arrested and three weapons were recovered. Inspector John Lowe from Waltham Forest Safer Neighbourhoods said "Operation Hawk is about local policing teams tackling street-level drug dealing using local community intelligence and a wide range of tactics. This is a great result showing that any intelligence we receive around drug cultivation and dealing will be dealt with as quickly as possible. With your help we can make your local neighbourhood safer. You make the call, we'll make it stop."

- For more information about your local Safer Neighbourhood Team visit www.met.police.uk/saferneighbourhoods Free internet access is available in all of the borough's libraries.



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From left to right – Jane Brueseke, Youth Engagement Officer in the Council's Community Engagement Team, with Young Advisors Seyi Akiworo, Sheona Primavera, Jess Smith, Sean O'Halloran and Chidi Onyeche.

Young Advisors good work recognised

- Waltham Forest's Young Advisors praised for work on local mental health services for young people
- Team won a national award for their efforts

During the summer Waltham Forest's Young Advisors received an award at the National Young Advisors Charity Annual General Meeting in recognition of their work to improve mental health care for young people in the borough. The team walked away with second place in the 'Best Project with a lasting impact' category.

The award was presented to six Waltham Forest Young Advisors at the event in the Peak District recognising the team's work to investigate how young people in Waltham Forest use and perceive emotional health services available to them.

The project was commissioned by Waltham Forest Council's Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) on Emotional Health and Well-Being. The Young Advisors looked at who young people go to for support, how young people think these services should be provided, and how they currently feel about the

quality of services.

Congratulating them on the award Councillor Clare Coghill, Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said, "There are 55 Young Advisor teams nationally, so it was great that Waltham Forest's project was recognised as one of the best in the country.

"Engaging young people on these sorts of subjects is very important if we are to get it right when it comes to delivering services. Now more than ever we need to make sure everything we do adds value and is targeted in the right way to the people who need it."

Councillor Liaquat Ali, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion, added, "It's fantastic news that the team have won this award, but better still is the real difference they have made to the way we work and to the people for whom our services are really important."

The Young Advisors developed a survey and also a discussion guide for focus groups. Focus groups were

held with year nine to eleven pupils and sixth form students, with surveys given out to other young people not involved in the focus groups.

This research led to a report with several recommendations including training, better information of services and support, and raised the possibility of an 'awareness month' for mental health issues. It also recommended the promotion of the 'Emotional Health Waltham Forest' Facebook page created by the Young Advisors.

The report was so well received when it was presented at the CAMHS board in April this year that the Young Advisors were asked to continue Emotional Health and Well-Being work. It also led to invitations being offered to present the report to the Early Intervention Practitioners Partnership Forum and the Headteachers Forum.

The fact that CAMHS has continually returned to the Young Advisors when it wants effective, meaningful youth engagement and consultation

played a significant part in earning the team the award on the night.

The Young Advisors are continuing their work on emotional health and well-being and have now given the Council a number of recommendations on how young people can be better informed about the mental health services available to them in Waltham Forest.

The recommendations have led to further work by the Young Advisors to support the development of lesson plans that promote emotional health and well-being in schools. In addition they are working with libraries to improve the information that is on offer and how is presented to young people.

More info

For more information visit www.wfyoungadvisors.org.uk or www.facebook.com/EmotionalHealthWalthamForest. Free internet access is available at all libraries in the borough.

In brief

Newport in the news

Six budding young reporters in years five and six at Newport Primary School in Walthamstow have been hard at work since the start of the year writing their own school newspaper. The cub reporters have produced four editions of 'Newport' with the help of teacher Ashley Walker. The newspaper is professionally printed each term and has proved popular among pupils, staff and parents alike. Ashley told Waltham Forest News: "The pupils came to me and said they wanted to start writing a newspaper. They put some ideas together and then went to the Headteacher, who managed to find some money in our budget. It's a great way to help the children learn and improve literacy standards. They include the whole school by interviewing other pupils and putting their stories in the paper." The school hopes to start selling copies of Newport soon, to raise money for additional editorial equipment.

• For more information visit www.newportschool.org.uk



Daniel Oliver and Nathaniel Eleamide with MFYM patron Chi-chi Nwanokwu MBE. Photo by Paul J Cochrane

Musical scholarships

Two talented youngsters from Waltham Forest have received a scholarship from the Mayor of London's Mayors' Fund for Young Musicians (MFYM). Double bass player Nathaniel Eleamide, who attends Whittingham Community School, and Selwyn Primary pupil Daniel Oliver, who plays cello, were among 66 young people to be awarded the scholarship, which aims to help talented young Londoners develop their musical skills. The pair visited City Hall for a special ceremony to celebrate their achievement at the end of September. The boys also met professional double bass player Chi-chi Nwanokwu, a patron of MFYM, who presented them with special certificates. The pair will receive four years of instrumental tuition both at school and at a Saturday morning music centre, as well as the opportunity to perform at and attend concerts.

• For more information visit www.mfym.org.uk or phone 020 7983 4258.

Staying positive workshops

Young people who are living with a long-term health condition are invited to attend a series of workshop to help them learn how to stay positive. The workshops, which will take place in Walthamstow from November onwards, are fun, relaxed and free of charge. They are run by trained young people aged 15-25 who are also living with a long-term condition. Topics covered include communicating with doctors, nurses, family and friends; school and careers; depression and feeling down; puberty, sex and relationships and much more. The aim of the workshops is to increase the confidence and self esteem of young people, help them learn to manage and take control of their conditions and make new friends.

• For more information phone Sharlene Mills on 07595 272465, email Sharlene.mills@eppcic.co.uk or visit www.staying-positive.co.uk.

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Black History Gala Night



Friday 19 October 2012 7.30pm-11.30pm

Walthamstow Assembly Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4JF

Doors open: 7pm Showtime: 7:30pm

Compere: Robbie Gee & Eddie Nestor comedy

Featuring

- Tony Hendricks • Quincy • Kat B
- Axel and Glenda Jaxson Plus Comfort
- local acts Mizz Camara, Jodi-Ann Forrester and The Real Deal

Tickets prices

Adult - £8 under 16s £4.50, Family ticket £22.00

For tickets telephone **020 8496 3589** between 10-4pm Wednesday to Friday

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Highways

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS - HOE STREET AREA

The Waltham Forest (Voucher Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Traffic Order 201* The Waltham Forest (Free Loading Places) (Amendment No. *) Traffic Order 201* The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places) (Short Stay) (Amendment No. *) Traffic Order 201* The Waltham Forest (Bakers Arms CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 201* The Waltham Forest (Queens Road/Boundary Road CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 201* The Waltham Forest (Walthamstow Market East CPZ) (Parking Places) (Amendment No. *) Order 201* The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. *) Order 201* The Waltham Forest (Bus Stop Clearways) (Amendment No. *) Traffic Order 201* **T30**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6, 45, 46 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, and the GLC General Powers Act 1974, introduce speed tables under Section 90C of the Highway Act 1980 and the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999, and introduce a zebra crossing under section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

2. The general effect of the Orders, as part of a scheme of various improvements for Hoe Street, would be to:-

(a) Extend the operating hours of existing waiting restrictions to 'at any time' in certain sections of Boundary Road, Grove Road, Grosvenor Park Road, Queens Road, Orford Road and Hoe Street

(b) extend the operating hours of existing loading restrictions to 'at any time' and between Mondays and Fridays 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Saturdays between 10 a.m. - and 4 p.m. in certain sections of Hoe Street;

(c) introduce new 'at any time' loading restrictions in certain sections of Orford Road, Queens Road, Leamington Avenue, Grosvenor Park Road, Granville Road, Clarendon Road;

(d) amend the lengths of existing waiting and loading restrictions in Hoe Street;

(e) introduce a Bakers Arms CPZ permit parking place into a certain section of Hoe Street operating between 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Monday to Saturdays inclusive;

(f) reduce the length of two existing Walthamstow Market East CPZ permit parking places certain sections of Grosvenor park Road;

(g) introduce loading places, into certain sections of Hoe Street operating 'at any time' with a limited loading period of 45 minutes with a no return time of 2 hours, these would be placed wholly on the footway;

(h) introduce a free parking place operating 8 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. on Monday to Saturdays inclusive into a section of Hoe Street with a limited waiting time of 30 minutes with no return within 2 hours, this would be placed wholly on the footway;

(i) reduce the length of an existing voucher parking place in a certain section of Clarendon Road

(j) remove an existing voucher parking place and extend the length of another existing voucher parking place in certain sections of Grove Road;

(k) remove an existing voucher parking place in a certain section of Hoe Street;

(l) relocate an existing voucher parking place in Boundary Road; and

(m) extend the length of an existing bus lane in Hoe Street.

3. It is also proposed to:-

(a) extend the length of, or reposition, existing bus stops in certain sections of Hoe Street;

(b) introduce speed tables in various roads as set out in Schedule 1 to this Notice; and

(c) introduce a zebra crossing in a certain section of Hoe Street as set out in Schedule 2 to this Notice.

4. Copies of the Orders, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and of plans showing the location and effect of the Orders and proposed measures can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of a period of 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made or the Council decides not to make the Orders, at (a) the Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17 The Reception Desk and (b) the London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

5. Any person desiring to object to any of the Orders, or proposed measures, or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS, quoting reference T30, by the end of a period of 21 days from the date on which this Notice is published. All objections must specify the grounds on which they are made.

For more information please telephone 020 8496 3000, quoting reference Traffic Orders T30.

Schedule 1

Speed Tables: The speed tables would be constructed and maintained with a maximum height of 100 millimetres and would vary in length and width and on/off ramps would be constructed at a gradient of 1:20 to 1:30

Clarendon Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 13 metres east of that kerb-line

Daventry Avenue, between the western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 7.5 metres west of that kerb-line

Granville Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 11 metres east of that kerb-line

Grove Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 9 metres east of that kerb-line

Hoe Street between the common boundary of Nos. 330 and 332/334 Hoe Street and a point 2.8 metres south of the common boundary of Nos. 324 and 326 Hoe Street. The table would extend into Albert Road, between the north-western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 8 metres west of that kerb-line, and Third Avenue, between the south-eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 8 metres east of that kerb-line

Hoe Street, between a point 2 metres north of the common boundary of Nos. 370 and 372 Hoe Street and a point 6.5 metres north of the common boundary of Nos. 378 and 380 Hoe Street. The table would extend into Grosvenor Park Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 12 metres north-west of that kerb-line

Hoe Street, between the common boundary of Nos. 440 and 442 Hoe Street and a point 3 metres south of the common boundary of Nos. 351 and 353 Hoe Street. The table would extend into Boundary Road, between the western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 10 metres west of that kerb-line

Leamington Avenue, between the north-western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 7.5 metres west of that kerb-line

Pendlestone Road, between the eastern kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 8 metres east of that kerb-line

The un-named Road that lies on the west side of Hoe Street between Nos. 424 and 426 Hoe Street, between the western kerb-line of Hoe Street and a point 6 metres west of that kerb-line

Schedule 2

Zebra Crossing: The centre of the crossing would be located outside No. 378 Hoe Street and the zig zags would extend between a point 5 metres south of the common boundary of Nos. 370 and 372 Hoe Street and, on the west side, a point 3.5 metres north of the common boundary of Nos. 378 and 389 Hoe Street, and, on the east side, and a point 3 metres north of the common boundary of Nos. 301 and 305 Hoe Street.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

BROOKE ROAD CLOSURE - 'PLAY STREET' - SUNDAY 28th OCTOBER 2012 THE WALTHAM FOREST ('PLAY STREET' SPECIAL EVENT) (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 16(A) – AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 - TT25

1. The Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest HEREBY GIVES NOTICE that to facilitate the holding of a special event, namely the 'Play Street' to be held on Sunday 28th October 2012 in Brooke Road it has made an Order, the general effect of which will be, only at such times and to such extent as regulatory traffic signs are displayed:-

(a) to close Brooke Road to vehicles; and
(b) to restrict waiting and loading by vehicles within the existing school keep clear markings located on the east side of Brooke Road.

2. Whilst the closure referred to in paragraph 1 above remains in force, alternative routes for traffic will be indicated by traffic signs.

3. The closure mentioned in paragraph 1(a) above would not apply in relation to any vehicle being used: -

(a) to gain access to or from the properties located in Brooke Road;
(b) in connection with the said special event; or
(c) for ambulance, fire brigade or police purposes in an emergency, if the event allows.

4. The Order will come into force on Sunday 28th October 2012 and will remain in force for one day.

Dated 15th October 2012

K. Valavan, Head of Highways and Infrastructure, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London E10 7AS

Planning

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990 and Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

FORMER GRANADA (EMD) CINEMA, The Victoria Public House, 186, 186a & 186b Hoe Street, Walthamstow E17 4HQ

PUBLIC INQUIRY at

The Assembly Hall and Council Chamber, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E17 4JF
commencing on 29th November 2012 at 10.00 (scheduled for 12 days) (First 2 days in Assembly Hall). Redevelopment proposals and associated alterations and works including change of use to mixed use development comprising religious, community, cinema, cafe and retail uses (D1/D2/A3/A1 Use classes) with ancillary residential accommodation comprising two x 2 bed and three x 1 bed units. (Council's reference 2012/0764)

REASON FOR INQUIRY

I am writing to advise you that on 11 September 2012, The Incorporated Trustees of the UCKG Helpcentre lodged an appeal with the Secretary of State for the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in respect of the above premises in relation to the planning application (Council reference 2012/0764) which was refused planning permission by the Council on 4th September 2012.

You are advised that this appeal will be cojoined with two other appeals that were refused by the Council in May 2011 that were scheduled to be heard at Inquiry in June of this year, which was adjourned. All three appeals will now be considered at the Inquiry.

Members of the public may attend the inquiry and, at the Inspector's discretion, express their views. Documents relating to these appeals can be viewed at the Council offices by prior arrangement. (Council's reference numbers First

appeal: 2009/1048, Second appeal: 2009/1049/LB and Third appeal: 2012/0764). (Contact at the Council: Brenda Danaher, Appeals Administrator Tel 0208 496 6732)

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: Ms Leanne Palmer, 3/02 Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Tel: 0117-372 8577. Planning Inspectorate References for the three appeals are: AAP/U5930/E/11/2165344, APP/U5930/A/11/2165348 and APP/U5930/A/12/2183662/NWF

The decision will be available from the Planning Portal when issued (www.planning-portal.gov.uk). If you would like a copy of the decision to be sent to you directly please let the Planning Inspectorate know this when you write to them.

LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

APPL.NO 2012/1339

APPLICANT Ms Paula Burns

ADDRESS Leytonstone Fire Station, 466 High Road, Leytonstone; E11

PROPOSAL

Demolition of existing building and erection of a three storey fire station with associated wash down, drill tower, parking, landscaping and access alterations.

APPL.NO 2012/1355

APPLICANT Mr Colin Archer

ADDRESS Former Arcade Site, Hoe Street, Walthamstow, London, E17 4QG

PROPOSAL

Redevelopment of the former arcade site to provide a mixed use scheme ranging from 2 - 6 storeys to include 121 residential units (C3 use) , A multi - screen cinema (D2 use) and 6 commercial units (A1,A2,A3,A4 or D1 use) and associated external works including 2 new vehicular accesses one on Hoe Street and one on Cleveland Park Avenue

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

Dated this day 15 October 2012

David Scourfield

Head of Development Management on Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest

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- Monday 22nd October 2012, 2pm
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- Monday 17th December 2012, 13.30pm
- Monday 11th February 2013, 13.30pm

Or at:

**Leytonstone Learning Link,
23-25 North Birkbeck Road,
Leytonstone, E11 4JF**

- Friday 26th October 2012, 13.30pm
- Friday 18th January 2013, 13.30pm

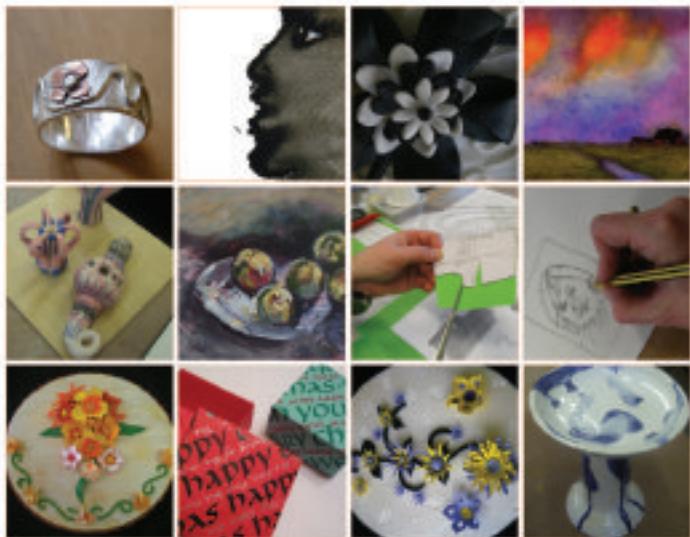
Please bring the following: Qualification Certificates, Passport or Birth Certificate and National Insurance Number.

**For further Information,
please contact Harpal Rull
on 0208 496 2029
Email: Harpal.Rull@walthamforest.gov.uk**





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Get involved with local creativity
Sunday 18th November 2012

Arts and Crafts for Sale
10am-3pm

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9.30am-12.00pm & 12.30pm-3.00pm

- Monday 15th & 22nd October 2012
- Monday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th November 2012
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at Queen Elizabeth Jubilee Centre,
Cathall Road, Leytonstone, London E11 4LA

To enrol or find out more about any of our courses call or visit:

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Walthamstow E17 8QR
Tel: 020 8496 2974

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Tel: 020 8558 6805

Advertising

Love Your Borough Awards 2013

We know Waltham Forest is full of unsung heroines and heroes, volunteers, campaigners, good neighbours and lifesavers who go out of their way to make our borough a fantastic place to live.

We want to acknowledge their generosity and hard work, their dedication to good causes, the kindness they show their neighbours and the courage of those who risk their lives for others.

Nominate your local heroines and heroes for a 'Love Your Borough Award 2013' and they could win £250.

The closing date for all entries is Friday 1 February 2013

The award categories are:

- Citizen of the Year Award
- Young Citizen of the Year Award
- Sports Achievement and Recognition Award
- Uniformed Service Hero Award
- Arts and Culture Award
- Volunteer of the Year Award
- Building Design and Renovation Award



To make a nomination or find out more about the awards, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/love-your-borough or call Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000.



FREE ADMISSION

2012 Fantastic Fireworks

Monday 5 November 2012

Doors open 5.30pm
Fireworks starts 8pm

Waltham Forest Town Hall Complex
Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4JF

As part of our pledge to help you celebrate an amazing 2012, this year's admission is **FREE** for you and your family!

For more information visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/councilevents or call 020 8496 3000

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Keeping the Flame ALIVE
Our legacy from the Games

Waltham Forest

Priority: Keeping our borough clean

Commitment:

Guarantee to continue to provide a weekly waste and recycling service.

You told us weekly waste and recycling collections are important to you, and we are committed to maintaining this service. We've increased the types of material that can be recycled, rolled out green bins and ensured that they are collected on the same day as refuse. Last year, improvements to the recycling service meant 941 fewer tonnes of waste going to landfill. Thank you for playing your part.

Commitment:

Work constantly to keep our streets clean and litter free.

We collect 25,000 bags of litter from the streets each week and sweep more than 400 miles of pavements. We have recently introduced 400 dual litter and recycling bins across the borough, so there's no excuse to not use a bin. A night time fly-tipping clearance service has been launched, and we will continue to issue fixed penalty notices for littering. Last year, 2,290 litter-bugs were issued penalties.



One of our many street cleaners at work

Commitment:

To not tolerate those who fly-tip and dump rubbish in our borough, and to push for more powers to prosecute offenders.

Fly-tipping costs the Council more than £1.5million per year, so we have a zero tolerance approach. 140 waste-related offenders were prosecuted last year and the culprits named and shamed. We are pushing the Government for further powers to allow us to issue fixed penalty notices for smaller fly-tips, and to change the law so manufacturers of mattresses also become accountable for the cost of disposing of them responsibly.

Commitment:

Offer an unlimited and free collection of bulky waste items from your doorstep.

We carry out more than 25,000 bulky collections from homes every year, with up to five items being picked up per collection.

We want to reuse this waste wherever possible, so we work in partnership with the charity ReStore. These services mean there is no excuse for fly-tipping.

Case study:

The bulky waste reuse scheme

If your bulky items can still be of use to someone please don't leave them out in the rain for collection. We'll pass them onto someone in need, rather than throwing them away.

The bulky waste reuse scheme has so far collected around 100 tonnes of waste from properties, which would have just been incinerated or sent for recycling. This has saved around 78 tonnes of carbon.

We work alongside ReStore, a charity who work to benefit the environment and the local community by collecting and reusing furniture, before passing it on to people in need.

"ReStore is a brilliant place if you have nothing. My daughter and I moved with very little and now we are sitting on furniture and have a table to eat off"

Local resident.



Making good use of unwanted items

Priority: Bringing you better shopping, streets and leisure

Commitment: Improve every park in the borough.

Waltham Forest is the greenest London borough north of the Thames. Our upcoming work means you will see changes to your local park or open space. Works will range from improving play areas for our children and introducing green gyms, to refurbishing toilets, renewing pathways and painting fences. Highlights of our work so far include a transformed Lloyd Park, which reopened in September after a £4.48million boost. Leyton Jubilee Park also opened in August, and further improvement works will continue there over autumn.



Lloyd Park, Walthamstow

Commitment: Bring a cinema to the borough and rebuild or upgrade all of the borough's leisure centres.

We know a cinema in the borough is on our residents' wish list, so we have secured an agreement between developers and Empire Cinemas to bring us a nine screen complex, which is also likely to include restaurants, shops and housing.

We are also working closely with our leisure provider 'Better' to transform all Council-owned leisure centres across the borough as part of a multi-million investment programme.

Commitment: Work to make our high streets thrive with a variety of shops and services to meet your needs.

The Council has committed to spend £9million on improving nine high street areas over the next few years.

We will continue our work to attract a better retail mix into the area, while supporting local businesses to maximise their own potential through our business support tool kits. We're also taking steps to tackle the number of betting shops in the borough by pushing for changes to planning law. This would give local people a greater say about the types of businesses opening up in their neighbourhoods.

Commitment: Upgrade our pavements and roads.

Nine high street areas within our borough will benefit from improved pavements and roads in the next two years:

- Blackhorse Lane
- Higham Hill
- Lea Bridge Road and Bakers Arms
- Leytonstone
- Wood Street
- Francis Road
- South Chingford
- South Leyton
- Walthamstow

This programme will continue until 2014 and we will keep you updated through Waltham Forest News and online at www.walthamforest.gov.uk/betterplace

Case study: Shop fronts scheme

Many shop fronts on High Road Leyton have already benefitted from a make-over, making the area more attractive, improving the experience of our shoppers and giving a boost to local businesses.

Due to the success of the scheme, shop fronts on Walthamstow High Street are also being refreshed. All nine high street areas will also gain from the shop fronts scheme over the next two years.

"So many people come into our shop and tell us how beautiful our shop front looks, and that's what attracted them to come in. Our stunning window display has been complemented by a great opportunity we received from Waltham Forest Council."

Penny and Theodoula Philippou,
Shop owners of Princess, High Road Leyton.



Shop fronts on High Road Leyton

Priority: Helping you and your family

Commitment:

To not raise council tax and to continue to fund the freedom pass.

We have pledged to freeze Council Tax for another two years, which means four years in a row without an increase, and more than 36,400 older or disabled residents are given a 'freedom pass', so they can get about even if they are on a tight budget. We will continue to spend smartly and plan carefully so we can provide you with important services while leaving you with more money in your pocket.

Commitment:

Make sure you have access to training and education that helps you get a job, whatever your age.

We understand how important it is that our residents can access relevant training and education. One of the ways we are addressing this is through the Council apprenticeship scheme. We have made a commitment to support 40 apprentices, aged between 16 and 18, by March 2013.

Commitment:

Support schools so that they can deliver a high quality education for our young people, in decent buildings.

We are investing in schools to give our children the best chance of a bright future. To accommodate an increase in demand for primary school places, and to provide decent school buildings, we are carrying out work to 22 primary schools in the borough as part of a multi-million pound investment programme. Secondary schools will also benefit. Works will vary at each school and range from major construction work to small adaptations to existing buildings.

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Frederick Bremer School

Case study:

Council apprenticeships scheme

Henna Shabir and Mollie Gardiner are from the Council apprenticeship scheme. Both young women wanted to gain practical work experience and have been very successful, securing further employment at the Council as Customer Service Advisors. "I got a nice job out of it, it was really worth it and I'm definitely glad I took this route" said Mollie. "I feel more confident, and have learned how to communicate better, to be more responsible, and to work well in a team. It's experience I can take anywhere" said Henna.

For more information about the apprenticeships scheme contact sandra.abraham@walthamforest.gov.uk



Council apprentices Henna Shabir (left) and Mollie Gardiner (right)

Commitment:

Work with the community to keep vulnerable adults and children safe.

We will continue to work with the voluntary sector to help vulnerable adults live independently and safely, and to secure employment.

We are also calling on the community to look out for children or adults who may be at risk of neglect or abuse. Adoption processes have been improved and we are encouraging more residents to consider fostering.

The Council's employability pledge helps each looked after child find a job, and this year, 11 looked after children have been employed by the Council in libraries.

GIVE US YOUR VIEWS - MAKE YOUR OPINION COUNT

REPORTING BACK ON PROGRESS

We want to feedback the actions we've taken to deliver your priorities and commitments.

We collate information to check our work is on track, four times each year. To keep you up-to-date on our progress, the first report on how we are delivering against our new priorities will be available in December.

Get involved

We want to have an ongoing conversation with you about the work that's happening here in Waltham Forest. Your views will improve the way we tackle the most important issues, and will help us to meet your expectations.

There are lots of ways to get involved.

Consultations

Council services have been going through a lot of change, and this is set to continue as we aim to be as efficient as we can be. To find out about opportunities to take part in current consultations on our services visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/makeitcount

Community ward forums

Meetings take place in all 20 wards, three times a year. They are open to residents, community groups and business representatives to get together, meet their ward Councillors, and discuss the issues affecting their neighbourhood. Each ward has £10,000 to spend annually on local initiatives.

Discussion groups

The Council regularly runs discussion groups on issues that really make a difference to your life, whether it's how to make recycling easier or what you think about leisure opportunities. If you'd like to take part please email consultation@walthamforest.gov.uk with 'discussion group' in the subject line.

Your local Councillor

Councillors have regular surgeries to help you with problems you may be facing, or simply to hear your views. Make sure you know who your ward Councillors are by visiting our website where each councillor's surgery times and contact details can be found.

Stay up-to-date

There are a number of ways you can keep up-to-date with the work of the Council.

Council e-news

Sign up to the Council e-news, which keeps you informed on the latest Council news and services. Email enews@walthamforest.gov.uk

Waltham Forest News

We will highlight opportunities to get involved in Council decision-making as well as provide feedback on our ongoing conversation with residents through Waltham Forest News.



Waltham Forest residents making their opinion count at a street stall

Visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/makeitcount for more ways to get involved in the decisions we make.

With your input, we can make Waltham Forest an even better place to live and work.

Thank you for your help so far.



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